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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog, and other commonly spoken languages, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans and Family
5 Information Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACT SHEETS.**

2 (a) LANGUAGES.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 shall make available versions of all fact sheets of the De-
4 partment of Veterans Affairs in—

5 (1) English;

6 (2) Spanish;

7 (3) Tagalog; and

8 (4) each of the 10 most commonly spoken lan-
9 guages, other than English, in the United States
10 that are not otherwise covered by paragraphs (2)
11 and (3).

12 (b) WEBSITE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
13 shall establish and maintain a publicly available website
14 of the Department of Veterans Affairs that contains links
15 to all fact sheets of the Veterans Benefits Administration,
16 Veterans Health Administration, and of the National
17 Cemetery Administration. The website shall be accessible
18 by a clearly labeled hyperlink on the homepage of the De-
19 partment.

20 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
22 Affairs shall submit a report to Congress regarding fact
23 sheets described in subsection (a) and details of the Lan-
24 guage Access Plan of the Department of Veteran Affairs.
25 The report shall include the following:

1 (1) What the Secretary determines constitutes
2 a fact sheet of the Department for purposes of this
3 Act.

4 (2) How such fact sheets are utilized and dis-
5 tributed other than on and through the website of
6 the Department.

7 (3) How such Language Access Plan is commu-
8 nicated to veterans, family members of veterans, and
9 caregivers.

10 (4) The roles and responsibilities of patient ad-
11 vocates in the coordination of care for veterans with
12 limited English proficiency, family members of such
13 veterans, and caregivers.

14 (5) Other demographic information that the
15 Secretary determines appropriate regarding veterans
16 with limited English proficiency.